

**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION  
 UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

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 FOR: **PICTURE CODING METHOD AND PICTURE CODING APPARATUS**

Enclosed are:

- 24 pages of specification, claims, abstract.
- Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- Priority Claimed.
- Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-290947
- 17 sheets of formal drawing.
- An assignment of the invention to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. and the assignment recordation fee.
- An associate power of attorney.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and references.
- Return Receipt Postcard

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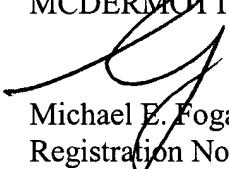
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Total Claims	20	-20	0	\$18.00	\$0.00
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Multiple Dependent Claim(s)					\$0.00
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